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SUBJ: NEW PETROLEUM DISCOVERY IN GABON

1. L'UNION OF JUNE 17 CARRIED A BRIEF ARTICLE ABOUT A NEW PETROLEUM DISCOVERY IN THE FERNAND-VAZ DISTRICT. THE FIRST TEST WELL MEASURED 136 CUBIC METERS PER DAY AT DEPTHS BETWEEN 2034 AND 2066 METERS. THE DEPOSIT WAS FOUND IN THE ANGUILE FORMATION, SITE OF THE CURRENTLY PRODUCTIVE ANGUILE AND TORPILLE OFF-SHORE FIELDS. FURTHER TESTS WILL BE NECESSARY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS NEW DISCOVERY WILL BE COMMERCIALY VIABLE. THE FIRMS INVOLVED ARE ELF-GABON, AND AN ASSOCIATION OF FIVER AMERICAN FIRMS, ODECO, MURPHY, OCEAN, ENSERCH, AND KEWANEE.

2. LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO AMERICAN OIL FIRMS BELIEVE THAT THIS NEW DISCOVERY IS AN IMPORTANT ONE, POSSIBLE EXTENDING GABON'S OIL RESERVES BY ANOTHER TEN YEARS.

3. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. STEIGMAN

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